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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/706,325 entitled "GOLD AND SILVER RECOVERY FROM POLYMETALLIC SULFIDES BY TREATMENT WITH HALOGENS" – Jean-Marc Lalancette*  
*Our reference: GOUD:044US*  
*Client reference: 769/13080.16*

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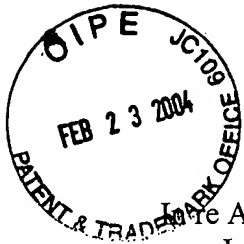
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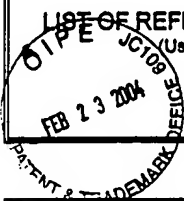


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